

MINUTES
ORANGE BOARD OF EDUCATION
January 17, 2017

Minutes approved at the February 13, 2017 BOE meeting..

- Attendance*** Present: Mr. Kraut, Mrs. Browe, Ms. Riccio, Mr. Young, Mrs. Hadlock, Mrs. Saccente, Mrs. Pucillo, Mr. Cap
Absent: Mrs. Bunnell, Mr. Ziman
The meeting was taped by OGAT
Also present: Dr. Scarpetti, Ms. Sierakowski, Dr. Russo, Mrs. Slowik, Mr. Carbone, Mr. Gray, Mrs. Arterbery, Mr. Ullring, Mrs. Lasto, Mrs. Lukianov, Mrs. Corcoran, Mr. Bruni, students from Turkey Hill School along with their parents.
- Call to Order*** The regular meeting was called to order by Board Chair Kraut at 7:37 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited (lead by the students from Turkey Hill School) and the Mission Statement was read by Mrs. Pucillo.
- Public Participation*** None
- Correspondence*** In their packets, Board Members received the draft Sexual Abuse Prevention Program Permission Slip and a letter from Mrs. LaFrance informing the district that she will be retiring from her teaching position at the end of the 2016-17 school year.
- Consent Agenda*** A motion was made by Ms. Riccio and seconded by Mrs. Pucillo to approve the minutes from the December 19, 2016 BOE meeting. Unanimously approved. (Mrs. Bunnell & Mr. Ziman absent)
- Presentation - Video Family Math Night with Greg Tang*** Mrs. Lukianov, Mrs. Corcoran and Mr. Bruni presented a video to the Board recapping the BOW Family Math Night with Greg Tang held on January 9th at the Amity Middle School. After the video students from Turkey Hill School played three math games with the Board Members.
- Superintendent's Report*** Dr. Scarpetti's report began with an ECS (Educational Cost Sharing) update. Dr. Scarpetti informed the Board that while the reductions that have been the focus in the media lately are unsettling, the Town was conservative when budgeting for these funds; the district should remain in a good place for the remainder of this school year. Dr. Scarpetti informed the Board that the BOW (Bethany, Orange & Woodbridge) districts are working together trying to plan a parents night to discuss the Sexual Abuse Prevention Program. The districts are researching the night of March 7th, a location to be determined. Dr. Scarpetti announced Mrs. LaFrance's retirement after 30 years in the district. Mrs. LaFrance will retire at the end of this school year. Dr. Scarpetti reminded the Board about the Capital Improvement meeting on Thursday, January 19th and the first budget workshop scheduled for Wednesday, January 25th at 6:00 p.m. Superintendent Scarpetti extended his congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Ziman, they became grandparents.

***Superintendent's
Report (continued)***

Ms. Sierakowski reported that the financial are tracking as scheduled; the biggest impact for December was the three pays that happened during the month. The district is working on preparing and reconciling W2, 1095 ACA forms and 1099s which will be mailed out the last week in January. The State requires that our buildings be tested every five years for radon. Those tests were conducted last month, all in order and the results were sent to the state for their records. Linda Rogers the cafeteria manager at Peck Place School retired on January 5th after 30 years with the district.

Dr. Russo reported that the kindergarten classroom aides engaged in learning about a specific reading intervention, "What's My Word?" targeted for students identified who need support in meeting criteria which would allow them to move from Concept of Word Books to decodables. K-3 teachers worked with Dr. Russo and the Reading Consultants to link the CSDE mandated Foundations of Reading Survey to our Orange Early Literacy Initiative with practical applications used with our own students. Gr. 4-6 teachers worked with Math Specialists at home schools on math learning progressions. During tomorrow's (January 18th) professional development, the Kindergarten teachers will review decodable resources for independent reading with kindergarten students. MLT Reading Consultant, Denise Aquilina, will facilitate. Gr. 1 & 2 teachers will link elements of stages in narrative development to informational text structures for effective retells with Fly Leaf decodables. Peck Reading Consultant, Anne Fleming & Dr. Russo will facilitate. Gr. 3-6 teachers will work towards achieving interrater reliability with formative reading assessments. Race Brook and Turkey Hill Reading Consultants, Kelly Michel and Melissa Millman, will facilitate. On January 26th, all interested staff are invited to join a connected classroom session with Mr. Taylor Auger to learn about Virtual Literature Tours at MLT. For the TEAM Program (Teacher Education And Mentoring) five teachers will have completed training to review module papers of ten first and second year teachers.

Mrs. Slowik shared that the BOWA Directors get together whenever they can. This year they put in place three workshops for the BOWA districts to attend. Marsha Moses would present at all three workshops. Last week Ms. Moses presented to the School Psychologists and the Principals regarding the 504 Rehabilitation Act.

Board Business

***2017-2018 Student
Calendar (Draft)***

In their December packets, Board Members received the draft 2017-2018 student calendar. Dr. Scarpetti provided the Board Members with an Option B draft calendar as well. Option B provided for an additional afternoon for parent conferences. This additional day would not result in an early release day for students; the conferences would be scheduled during the teacher's faculty meeting. A motion to adopt the 2017-2018 student calendar was made/seconded by Mrs. Pucillo/Ms. Riccio. Much discussion followed. Mrs. Browe wanted it noted that there needs to be dialogue with the BOWA districts before their calendars are adopted. A correction was needed on calendar Option B - the March 1st minimum should read afternoon conferences (not evening conferences). Motion to vote/adopt the 2017-18 Option B calendar (with correction) was made/seconded by Mrs. Saccente/Ms. Riccio. Mr. Kraut, Mr. Young, Mr. Cap, Mrs. Hadlock, Mrs. Pucillo,

***Superintendent
Mid-Year Review****

Mrs. Browe, Ms. Riccio voted in favor of, Mrs. Saccente abstained (Mrs. Bunnell & Mr. Ziman absent). Motion carries.

This agenda item will be discussed in Executive Session. Chairman Kraut invited Dr. Scarpetti into Executive Session.

***STANDING
COMMITTEES***

***Finance &
Operations -
Ms. Riccio***

Finance Sub-Committee met prior to tonight's BOE meeting to review the expenditures/profit and loss information. Everything is in order and is running smoothly. Cafeteria average daily counts are going up.

***Personnel/Policy
Transportation –
Mrs. Saccente***

The Personnel/Policy/Transportation sub-committee is still reviewing the allergy policy, the committee is thinking about possibly eliminating peanut butter/jelly from the menu all together. Committee met on January 11th to discuss the class size guidelines, topic will be discussed again next month. Next sub-committee meeting is set for January 30th, the allergy policy, review of the board attorney, and nurses contract will be items for discussion.

***Building & Grounds
/ Safety & Security –
Mr. Young***

Committee did not meet in December. Capital Projects meeting will take place on Thursday, January 19th. Next round of lock-down drills will be scheduled soon. Mr. Young will look into the roof leak at Peck Place and will provide an update.

***Long Range
Planning Report
Mrs. Pucillo***

Committee meeting is scheduled for Friday, January 20th to discuss any revisions/additions to the plan.

***Curriculum /
Instruction- Mrs.
Browe***

Again this month, there is a lot going on with Professional Development. Next committee meeting is set for January 30th.

***21st Century Ad-Hoc
- Ms. Riccio***

The ad-hoc committee members have been visiting the programs. Next sub-committee meeting is set for Monday, January 23rd. Ad-Hoc committee members will also be visiting other after-school programs in the area.

***ACES Report - Ms.
Riccio***

Adjourn

ACES' Board Meeting was on Thursday, January 12th, Diane Wentzell, Commissioner of Education and Ellen Card, Deputy Commissioner of Education spoke about some changes and their design plans for ACES.

A motion to enter into Executive Session was made/seconded by Ms. Riccio/Mrs. Pucillo at 8:43 p.m. Unanimously approved. Dr. Scarpetti was invited into Executive Session.

Exited executive session at 10:17 p.m. Motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Riccio and seconded by Mrs. Hadlock at 10:18 p.m. Unanimously approved.

INFORMATIONAL – Next meeting – **Monday, February 13, 2017** at 7:30 p.m. in the Upstairs Conference Room located in the BOE Offices.

Respectfully submitted,
Marie Acampora